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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES MEETING, APRIL 28, 1977

1. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES APRIL 28 ELECTED BY ACCLIMATION MICHAEL OKEYO (KENYQ) TO REPLACE CHRISTOPHER THOMAS (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) AS ITS CHAIRMAN. THOMAS RETIRED BECUASE OF HIS DUTIES AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE ACABQ. AHMED ABOUL-GHEIT (EGYPT) WILL STEP DOWN AS A VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE ROOM FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANOTHER REGION TO BE SELECTED LATER, PROBABLY A LATIN AMERICAN.

2. COMMITTEE APPROVED RECOMMENDATION OF THE D HOC INTER-GOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE PROBLEM OF CORRUPT PRACTICES THAT IT HOLD A RESUMED SESSION AT GENEVA FROM 27 JUNE TO 1 JULY 1977, SINCE THE WORKING GROUP HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK ENTURSTED TO IT BY ECOSOC IN ITS RES 2041 (LXI). ESTIMATED COSTS ARE \$11,900; NO ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS NOW REQUIRED.

3. USSR REP, SUPPORTED BY ALGERIA, COMPLAINED AT LENGTH ABOUT PLAN FOR RESUMED SESSION, CONTENDING THAT WORKING GROUP WAS DUPLICATING WORK OF COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND WAS BREACHING ECOSOC'S OWN RULES BY WHAT IT WAS DOING. COLOMBIAN REP DEFENDED EFFORTS OF WORKING GROUP TO DEAL WITH A COM-
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PLICATED SUBJECT. OTHER REPS OBSERVED THAT WHATEVER THE MERITS OF THE ARGUMENT ABOUT THE USEFULNESS OF THE WORKING GROUP'S ACTIVITIES, ITS RECOMMENDATION FOR A RESUMED SESSION HAD BEEN APPROVED BY ECOSOC, AND THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES SHOULD CONSIDER THE REQUEST ONLY FROM AN ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW. IN THE END THE REQUEST WAS APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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